

War II, Henry Flynt's great passion for America was stirred as he realized that this little village, founded by English settlers in 1669 and whose meadows were inhabited by native peoples for thousands of years before, had witnessed the great events of this country's history.

Encouraged by Deerfield Academy's legendary Headmaster Frank Learoyd Boyden, the Flynts began to purchase several of the old houses and restore their ells and early additions as dormitory space for the school's growing student body. Their interest in every American history and the decorative arts blossomed simultaneously and soon the Flynts were restoring the old houses not as dormitories but as museums filled with their growing collection of the finest antiques then available.

In 1945 the Flynts purchased the 1994 Deerfield Inn and restored it for use by parents visiting Deerfield Academy students. In that same year they bought an old house for themselves and furnished it as their Deerfield residence. By 1948 Historic Deerfield's first museum house—the Parson Jonathan Ashley House—was opened to the public and in the ensuing 25 years 13 more houses were furnished as museums welcoming growing numbers of visitors. Shortly before Henry Flynt's death in 1970, a new research library was opened that also administers the extensive collection of early Deerfield manuscripts owned by the village historical society, The Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association. Founded in 1880, this repository of local history and art still opens its doors to visitors each year from May to October.

In 1998 a long held dream was realized when a new, 27,000-square-foot decorative arts museum—the Flynt Center of Early New England Life—was opened. With galleries for changing exhibitions, a unique storage display of more than 3000 objects appropriately called the Museum's Attic, and expanded lecture and public program space, the Flynt Center was the culmination of a \$12 million capital campaign that attracted gifts from more than 800 individuals, foundations, and corporations throughout America and abroad.

I congratulate Historic Deerfield on the occasion of its 50th anniversary, and I send my best wishes for 50 more great years.●

OREGON COMMUNITY HERO

● Mr. Smith. Madam President, as we celebrate Valentine's Day by sharing our love with those dear to our hearts, I find it fitting today to honor a man who has given his love, time, and dedication to all those he serves. Mr. Dale Hilding of my home town of Pendleton, OR, is an exemplary civil servant, community volunteer, and family man. Both literally and figuratively, he is a hero in every sense of the word.

Dale serves as the manager of the Pendleton Social Security office. As-

sisting the residents of eastern Oregon with such tasks as Social Security retirement, disability and supplemental income benefits; Medicare enrollment; and trouble shooting problems is a gargantuan task. In each of these endeavors, Dale is superb.

Besides supervising employees and managing an office, Dale is also the point of contact for congressional staff. Dale is at the head of the class of Oregon congressional liaisons. He is efficient, effective, and positive in helping me serve my eastern Oregon constituents. Dale has gone beyond the call of duty numerous times helping my staff answer Social Security questions and solving problems for my constituents. He is a true civil servant hero.

Beyond his work as a Federal employee, Dale finds time to serve his community. Taking the example of his father, also a civil servant, Dale says: "If you're an employee of the Federal Government, you have an obligation to be active in the community it serves."

Dale took this advice to heart by spearheading the Combined Federal Campaign, CFC, in eastern Oregon. CFC is the annual fundraising drive conducted by Federal employees in their workplace. These dollars raised benefit thousands of nonprofit charities.

Dale's performance was so phenomenal, in 2001 he was awarded with the civilian CFC Hero Award. This national award is presented to only three winners annually, representing the three areas of Federal service—civilian, military, and postal. He is a true community hero.

Despite these activities, Dale still finds time to be an active family man to his wife and three children. In order to spend more time with his kids, he decided to become involved in their favorite activities. That led Dale to serve as an assistant scout master with the Boy Scouts and an assistant troop leader with the Girl Scouts. Dale also volunteers with the Umatilla County United Way. He is a true family hero.

Exemplary civil servant. Community volunteer. Family man. These are just a few of the many characteristics that make Dale Hilding an exceptional citizen of Oregon. It is with great respect that I, too, call Dale "hero."●

FBLA-PBL WEEK

● Mr. BROWNBACK. Madam President, I rise today to acknowledge Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda, (FBLA-PBL), and its work to improve the America in which we live.

Over the past 60 years, FBLA-PBL has been training America's business leaders. This week—February 9-15—over a quarter million FBLA-PBL members observe FBLA-PBL Week in their local chapters and communities all over America. Through partnering with businesses and performing community service projects, FBLA-PBL members gain an understanding of the rights and responsibilities in becoming tomorrow's business leaders.

Certainly, in light of recent corporate scandals, FBLA-PBL's dedication to promoting business ethics is of great importance.

Business cannot advance without such virtues as cooperation, courage, honesty, industry, innovation, practicality, and realism. It needs the rule of law, respect for the truth, and an educated populace. No matter how strong the business model, a loss of confidence in these basic values can be catastrophic—not just to individual investors, but to the company or institution. This is exactly what happened in the collapse of Enron and problems with WorldCom and others. Now, more than ever, America needs strong, moral leaders.

I wish FBLA-PBL well as they continue in the effort of helping to train and instill the values of corporate citizenship for America's Future Business Leaders.●

IOWA WESLEYAN: ONE MILLION HOURS OF SERVICE

● Mr. HARKIN. Madam President, this month, Iowa Wesleyan College is marking an important milestone—1 million hours of service by their students to the community. As we celebrate National Volunteer Month, I would like to take a few moments to recognize this extraordinary achievement.

Iowa Wesleyan is a 161 year old liberal arts college located in Mount Pleasant, IA. The college is affiliated with the Methodist Church and "Learning in Community" has been the central mission since its inception in 1842. This mission was formally integrated in 1968 with the establishment of the Responsible Social Involvement, RSI, program. Initially begun as a way to channel the strong desire of students to become socially active, RSI was adopted as a requirement for graduation in 1971.

Students must contribute a minimum of 160 hours of service to a nonprofit organization. They record their experiences in a journal, write a paper reflecting on the experience and make an oral presentation to a faculty committee. Students receive 6 hours of college credit for their service.

For 35 years, Iowa Wesleyan students have served in all types of jobs and all kinds of communities. Students have served as mentors with Big Brother/Big Sister and volunteered for organizations including the American Red Cross, Habitat for Humanity and Special Olympics. Students have served in schools, orphanages and hospitals around the world. They have contributed their time and talent in communities from Mount Pleasant, IA to Jakarta, Indonesia.

Since 1968, Wesleyan students have provided companionship to nursing home residents, tutored children on Indian reservations, coached athletic teams and the list goes on. Over the years, 5000 Wesleyan students have logged 1 million hours of service—or